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1. (U) AS REQUESTED BY REFS, COMPOSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATION FOR SUBJ TALKS FOLLOWS (IN THE ORDER LISTED BY SOVIETS):

- A. LEADER (RUKOVODITEL'): ADMIRAL ALEKSEYEV.
- B. DEPUTIES: CAPTAIN FIRST RANK SERKOV AND REAR ADMIRAL ALEKSEI NIKOLAYEVICH TYUNYAYEV.
- C. MEMBERS: GEN- MAJ OF AVIATION VISHENSKIY, RADM MOTROKHOV, CAPT 1 / R NAZARENKO.
- D. ADVISORS: CAPT 1/ R BUSLAYEV, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE MININ.
- E. TRANSLATOR: COL POMERANTSEV.
- F. SECRETARY: GALINA IVANOVNA POGORLETSKAYA.

2. (C) FOREGOING ALL FAMILIAR EXCEPT FOR RADM TYUNYAYEV. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, ALUSNA WAS TOLD BY CAPT SERKOV THAT TYUNYAYEV IS DEPUTY TO CINC ADM FLOTA SU GORSHKOV FOR COMBAT READINESS (PO BOYEVOMU PODGOTOVKE). LOCAL HOLDINGS CARRY HIM AS KONTRA ADMIRAL SINCE 1957 AND HE WAS
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NOTED TO BE ON THE MAIN NAVAL STAFF IN 1971-72.

3. (U) CAPTAIN SERKOV STATED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE ACCEPTS PROPOSED AGENDA AND IS READY TO DISCUSS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSURANCE THAT US SIDE IS HANDLING LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN TERMS OF HOTELS, TRANSPORT, ETC., AND REQUESTS COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION.

4. (U) AS EXPECTED, SOV DELEGATION PLANS DEPART MOSCOW 13 MAY IN AEROFLOT FLT 315. SERKOV INDICATED THAT MATTER OF PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK IN US WILL BE SUBJ FOR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON. DEPARTURE DATE FM USA THUS REMAINS OPEN.

5. (C) CAPTAIN SERKOV ALSO SHOWED ALUSNA A SKETCH OF AN INCIDENT WHICH ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED USS GARCIA AND A 10- SHIP SOVIET FORMATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AT 131000 Z APRIL 73. GARCIA CUT THROUGH THE FORMATION, WHICH WAS PRIVILEGED AND ON COURSE 230 AT 8 KTS, CLOSE ABOARD AN ELEMENT OF 3 SURFACED SUBMARINES, PASSING AT LESS THAN A CABLE'S DISTANCE. ON SECOND PASS THRU THE FORMATION GARCIA SWUNG BY MOSKVA AND DESTROYERS PDTS 539 AND 976. SERKOV CHARACTERIZED THE INCIDENT AS UNNECESSARY, DANGEROUS, AND A "BEZGRAMOTNIY" (IGNORANT, INCOMPETENT) MANEUVER. THE SOVIET SIDE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IN WASHINGTON, HE SAID, AS HE TOOK BACK HIS SKETCH.

6. (U) AS FOR THE MATTER OF A USNAVATT ESCORT OFFICER, SERKOV EXPRESSED ADMIRAL ALEKSEYEV'S RELUCTANCE IN TERMS WHICH AMOUNTED TO A POLITE DECLINING OF THE OFFER. ASSIGNMENT OF LIAISON OFFICERS TO SOV DELEGATION IN THE USA IS USN BUSINESS. HOWEVER, THIS IS A WORKING TRIP, NOT A FORMAL OR CEREMONIAL VISIT. SOVIET SIDE THUS BELIEVES SUCH ESCORT UNNECESSARY AND INAPPROPRIATE.

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